

# Yiming Che

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## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

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- **Programming Languages:** Python, Matlab, R
- **ML Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, HuggingFace, LangChain
- **Data Pipeline:** SQL, Pandas, PySpark, Snowflake, Databricks
- **Cloud/DevOps:** AWS, SageMaker, GCP, Airflow, Docker, CI/CD, MLflow, Flask/FastAPI
- **Tools:** Linux, Git/GitHub, Bash

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

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- **Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Systems Science (focus on Machine Learning) May 2023
- **Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States**  
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering May 2018
- **Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing, China**  
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering July 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Senior ML/Data Scientist at Walmart Global Tech**  
Sep. 2025 - Present, Bentonville, AR
  - **Led Development of Generative AI Solutions for Recommendation Systems (In Progress)**
    - Developed campaign-2-PT RAG system using **PyTorch** and **HuggingFace** to retrieve campaign-related products for campaign labeling for supervised ranker model.
    - Explored and analyzed large-scale campaign and purchase datasets using **PySpark**.
  - **Co-led Development of Campaign Push/Notification (In Progress)**
    - Developed **PySpark** pipeline to monitor campaign performance.
- **Postdoctoral Scholar at Arizona State University**  
**Research Scientist at ASU-Mayo Center for Innovative Imaging (Concurrent)**  
July 2023 - Sep. 2025, Tempe, AZ
  - **Led Development of End-to-End Cycle-GAN for Tracer Data Translation (In Progress)**
    - Optimized Cycle-GAN model for translation between FBP and PiB tracer (tabular data) in amyloid PET images. **Eliminated the requirement of paired data without loss of accuracy (achieved correlation 0.97)**. Reduced clinical trial costs and expand access to amyloid imaging in non-specialist settings. [\[Project Link\]](#) (Paper in preparation)
    - Utilized **Airbyte** for data extraction from **AWS S3** to **Snowflake** for **data ELT**, and performed data **EDA** using **Pandas**.
    - Implemented modified Cycle-GAN model using **PyTorch** and deployed the **dockerized** model using **AWS SageMaker** and **Flask** for inference. Utilized GitHub Action for **CI/CD**.
    - Collaborated with clinicians from Banner Alzheimer's Institute to validate model outputs.
  - **Led Development of End-to-End Multi-agent Medical Q&A System**
    - Implemented medical Q&A system with multi-agent retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) using **HuggingFace** and **PyTorch** to build fully customized clinical support tools. [\[Project Link\]](#)
    - Vectorized medical datasets for corpus using **FAISS**.
    - Fine-tuned LLMs with 7B parameter with **LoRa** utilizing distributed training.
    - Deployed the inference pipeline using **AWS SageMaker** and **Flask** for real-time inference.
  - **Led Development of Diffusion Models on Medical Imaging**
    - Developed a fully weakly-supervised anomaly detection/segmentation framework (**AnoFPDM**) using guided diffusion models. **Achieved state-of-the-art performance on lesion segmentation with DICE score 77.4 on BraTS21 dataset**, eliminating pixel-level labels for hyperparameter tuning, which significantly reduces the annotation cost.
    - Implemented various diffusion models in **PyTorch** using **distributed training/inference** on Linux (Slurm job scheduler).
  - **Led Development of Fusion of CT and MRI for Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Prediction**

- Utilized Cycle-GAN to generate synthetic MRI from real CT to address long waiting time of MRI. Developed a multi-modal classification pipeline combining CT and synthetic MRI using ResNet. **Achieved ~16% AUC improvement** compared to only using single CT modality.
- Collaborated with clinicians at Mayo Clinic to validate model outputs, ensuring the solution addressed real patient-care needs. (Paper under review)
- Co-led Development of Machine Learning for Cognitive Decline Prediction**
  - Conducted **model selection** from classification models, e.g., **XGBoost, random forest and SVM**, with nested cross-validation for robust cognitive decline prediction.
  - Applied **SHAP analysis** and Wald test for feature importance in cognitive decline prediction. **Identified top 5 features**, providing insights to the clinical research. ([paper](#))
  - Collaborated cross-functionally with clinicians and data engineers from Mayo Clinic to preprocess patient cognitive assessments.
- Co-led Development of Multi-modality (Text and Image) Models for Headache Diagnosis**
  - Fine-tuned multi-modal classification pipelines combining MRI and clinical notes based on BioMedCLIP using **PyTorch**. Fine-tuned solely on PubMedBERT and ViT for co-learning. **Achieved state-of-the-art performance in headache diagnosis with 0.96 AUC**. Reduced misdiagnosis rates, potentially saving hospitals and insurance companies on unnecessary treatments. (Paper under review)
  - Collaborated cross-functionally with clinicians from Mayo Clinic for biomarker extraction and clinical interpretation.
- Research Assistant (PhD) at Binghamton University**  
Aug. 2017 - May 2023, Binghamton, NY
  - Researched Bayesian Statistics and Uncertainty Quantification**
    - Integrated a Bayesian framework into traditional PINN for enhanced robustness and uncertainty quantification. Provided confidence intervals for predictions and improved reliability over non-Bayesian PINNs for more trustworthy decision-making process.
    - Developed a novel Bayesian surrogate model which combines generalized polynomial chaos and Gaussian process for efficient surrogate modeling of stochastic systems. Achieved ~90% improvement in computational budget without loss of accuracy compared to traditional Monte Carlo simulation.
    - Developed single-section and batch-selection sampling algorithms with Gaussian process. Achieved ~70% improvement in computational efficiency compared to traditional one-shot design.
    - Developed uncertainty quantification framework using generalized polynomial chaos expansion for machining process. Achieved ~80% improvement in computational efficiency compared to Monte Carlo simulation.

## SELECTED AWARD & HONOR

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- Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University (**top 1%**) 2024
- Excellence in Systems Science Research Award, Binghamton University (**top 1%**) 2023
- Binghamton University Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research (**top 1%**) 2021

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**Summary:** 18 publications (10 first-authored), 3 working papers, 138 citations, h-index: 8, i10-index: 8 (as of 12-15-2025)

1. Che, Y., Rafsani, F., Shah, J., Siddiquee, M. M. R. and Wu, T. “AnoFPDM: Anomaly segmentation with forward process of diffusion models for brain MRI” *Proceedings of the Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*. 2025. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.15683>
2. Wan, J., Kataoka, J., Sivakumar, J., Pena, E., Che, Y., Sayama, H. and Cheng, C. “Sparse Bayesian learning for sequential inference of network connectivity from Small Data” *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering* 11.6 (2024): 5892-5902. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TNSE.2024.3471852>
3. Che, Y., Guo, Z. and Cheng, C. “Generalized polynomial chaos-informed efficient stochastic Kriging,” *Journal of Computational Physics* 445 (2021): 110598. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2021.110598>
4. Che, Y. and Cheng, C. “Uncertainty quantification in stability analysis of chaotic systems with discrete delays,” *Chaos, Solitons & Fractals* 116 (2018): 208-214. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chaos.2018.08.024>